

David Doniger

National Public Service Award Recipient



David Doniger is policy director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) Climate Center, where he helps to develop environmental and energy policies that reduce the threat of global warming and enhance America's energy security. David also leads NRDC's work to complete the phase-out of chemicals that deplete the earth's protective ozone layer.

David was a key lawyer in designing the strategy and drafting the briefs in *Massachusetts v. EPA*,

the landmark Supreme Court decision last April holding that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are air pollutants subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act. David kept a 30-member coalition of states, cities, and environmental groups on course for four years through litigation before the D.C. Circuit and the Supreme Court. David is also the lead environmental lawyer in related cases defending California's landmark standards for motor vehicle emissions of greenhouse gases.

On the broader policy front, David has led NRDC's efforts to design the architecture for sound national global warming legislation. His concepts, published in *Science* magazine last November, have found their way into the leading climate proposals introduced in the 110th Congress.

David rejoined NRDC in March 2001 after serving for eight years in the Clinton administration, where he was director of climate change policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and, before that, counsel to the head of the EPA's clean air program. He also served for a year at the Council on Environmental Quality. David helped to write the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act as well as the Clean Power Act, sponsored by Senators Jeffords, Collins, and Lieberman. David heads a legal committee providing advice to the environmental coalition working for implementation of California's clean car law (AB 1493).

David first began at NRDC in 1978 and worked on clean air issues for the next 14 years, helping to win the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments and the 1987 Montreal Protocol. David holds a law degree and a master's degree in city and regional planning from the University of California at Berkeley and a B.A. in history from Yale University.

Christopher Ho '87

Alumni Public Service Award Recipient



Christopher Ho is a senior staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center ("LAS-ELC") in San Francisco, where he litigates cases in defense of the employment rights of historically subordinated communities. His primary focus for over a decade has been on efforts to challenge and rectify workplace practices that disproportionately impact national origin minorities, particularly recent immigrants.

As Director of the LAS-ELC's National Origin, Immigration, and Language Rights Program, Chris has taken on challenging, leading-edge issues that are facing immigrant workers as our country grows more diverse. He has pioneered legal challenges to "English-only" policies and arbitrary English-language proficiency requirements that are often covert means for employers to target immigrants. He has spoken in numerous public and professional settings on the subject of language rights, and has testified on the subject before Congress and the California Legislature.

Additionally, Christopher devotes an increasing portion of his work to litigation aimed at affirming and expanding the employment rights of undocumented workers. Chris has worked over the past six years to prove a basic principle: that undocumented status does not mean these workers have given up all their rights under U.S. law, or that unscrupulous employers are free to exploit or mistreat them with impunity. He has also litigated in other areas of employment law in both the federal and state courts, including race and sexual orientation discrimination, workplace privacy, and the asserted pre-emption of workers' rights.

Christopher is a former member of the Boards of Directors of the East Palo Alto Community Law Project, the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, and Asians for Job Opportunities in the Bay Area, and is a past chair of the Human Rights Committee of the State Bar of California. Presently, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Windcall Futures Project. He received his undergraduate degree cum laude in political science from Yale, holds an A.M. in government from Harvard, and is a graduate of Stanford Law School, during which time he was a judicial extern for U.S. District Judge Thelton E. Henderson.

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Presentation of National Public Service Award to David Doniger

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Presentation of Alumni Public Service Award to Christopher Ho '87

Jayashri Srikantiah
Director, Immigrants' Rights Clinic and
Associate Professor of Law

Closing

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